



Main conclusions from so far work on sectoral policy documents

ACTION C.4 Strategies and action plans
WG Policy documents

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Roadmap of the implementation of Action C4/3 (*1st phase*)



C4/3 Interim draft report on proposals for improvement of sectoral strategies and action plans to reduce GHG emissions from organic soils (31.08.2022)

- Overall situation in EU (short description)
- Organic soils related policy planning documents in LIFE OrgBalt countries (Baltic States and Finland, Germany)
- Current relevance of organic soils in project partner countries' policy documents

Summary of work on the Action C4/3 Interim draft report

Meetings with responsible ministries and institutions from the Baltic States:

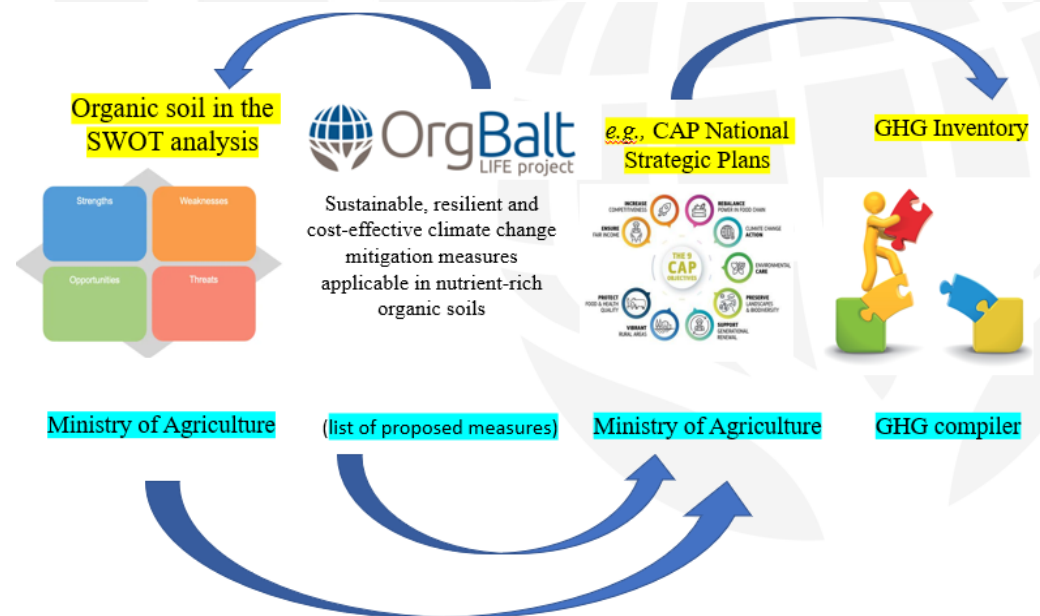
LATVIA (11th of May) - meeting with colleagues from the Ministry of Agriculture who works mainly with national CAP Strategic plan

LITHUANIA (1st of June) - meeting with Lithuanian representatives from Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Environment

ESTONIA (7th of June) - meeting with Estonian policy makers (Ministry of Rural Affairs and Ministry of Environment, Estonian Environment Agency, Estonian Environmental Research Centre)

What has been discussed:

- Countries' policy documents where *organic soils might* appear
- Countries' GHG reporting documents
- LIFE OrgBalt list of 17 proposed CCM measures (!)



Conclusions

- Policy makers from the Baltic States are invited to identified relevant policies where LIFE OrgBalt project proposed CCM measures might be incorporated in the future (*e.g. CAP, JTF, other relevant national planning policy documents*)
- For example, in a discussion with the ministry's colleagues in Latvia, we might further analyze these measures as potential CCM measures: *Conversion of cropland used for cereal production into grassland considering periodic ploughing; Conventional afforestation considering shorter rotation; Paludiculture - afforestation of grassland with black alder and birch; Introduction of legumes in conventional farm crop rotation; Controlled drainage of grassland considering even groundwater level during the whole vegetation period*
- It must be acknowledged that further analysis of the CCM measures requires a more detailed description of the measures and cost analysis of the proposed measures

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- We anticipating to receive comments, questions from the **responsible ministries and institutions** from the Baltic States about the list of 17 proposed CCM measures
 - We anticipating to receive contribution from the project Partners:
 - What are the major policy documents and the latest trends related to organic soils? The role of organic soil management in the context of different policies and their objectives.*
 - ~2 pages **till 1st of August 2021**, Baltic States, Finland and Germany
- ✓ We would be appreciated if the prepared information would be cross-checked by the colleagues in the responsible ministries

Next WG Policy documents meeting will be in autumn 2021

Thanks you!



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